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RE: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, MB Docket No. 09-182 (2010 Quadrennial Review), MB Docket No. 07-294 (Diversity Proceeding), IB Docket No. 11-133 (Foreign Ownership)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This reports on the four meetings held May 1, 2013 between FCC staff and MMTC representatives David Honig, President, Julia Johnson¹, Chair, Latoya Livingston, Senior Attorney, and Amber Robinson, Law Clerk.

For the first meeting, attendance was as follows:

- Commissioner Mignon Clyburn; and
- Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor.

For the second meeting, attendance was as follows:

- Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel; and
- Alex Hoehn-Saric, Policy Director for Commissioner Rosenworcel.

For the third meeting, attendance was as follows:

- Bill Lake, Chief, Media Bureau;
- Lewis Pulley, Assistant Policy Division Chief, Media Bureau;
- Barbara Kreisman, Chief of the Video Division; Media Bureau;
- Bob Ratcliffe, Deputy Chief, Media Bureau;
- Thomas Reed, Office Director, Office of Communications Business Opportunities;
- Dan Margolis, Attorney Advisor, Office of Communications Business Opportunities;
- Brendan Holland, Assistant Industry-Analysis Division Chief, Media Bureau
- Hillary DeNigro, Chief of the Industry Analysis Division, Media Bureau
- Jamila-Bess Johnson, Industry-Analysis Division Legal Advisor, Media Bureau

For the fourth meeting, attendance was as follows:

- Commissioner Ajit Pai; and
- Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Ajit Pai.

¹ Julia Johnson, Chair of MMTC Board, was present for the meetings with Commissioner Clyburn and Commissioner Rosenworcel, only.

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In the meetings, we presented the following points regarding issues surrounding the 2010 Quadrennial Ownership Review:

1. **Media Ownership Study.** The study being undertaken by MMTC to evaluate whether and to what extent there may be an impact of the Commission's cross-ownership rules on minority ownership is in progress. We expect the interviews for the study to be completed on or around May 17, 2013. The study will be peer reviewed by Dr. Philip Napoli, Associate Professor of Communications & Media Management at Fordham University, Dr. Jannette Dates, the former dean of the Howard University School of Communications, and Allen Hammond, Santa Clara School of Law Professor and Director of the Broadband Institute of California. We anticipate that the study will be submitted to Commission on or about May 29, 2013.
2. **Foreign Ownership.** The comments in response to the Public Notice regarding whether relaxation of its restrictions on overseas investments in broadcasting (interpreting and applying 47 U.S.C. §310(b)(4)) would serve the public interest were overwhelmingly positive. Relaxing the foreign ownership broadcasting restrictions would enhance access to capital for minority broadcasters.
3. **Radio Rescue Petition.** A number of MMTC's 37 race-neutral proposals for minority media ownership policy relate to reviving AM radio. These have the subject of the MMTC Radio Rescue Petition. MMTC has reconvened its Radio Rescue Taskforce to develop a variety of AM radio-related policy initiatives. The Taskforce plans to meet with commissioners and staff on May 16th to discuss these initiatives.
4. **Channels 5 and 6.** MMTC also reiterated support for its proposal that the Commission migrate AM radio to channels 5 and 6. This is one of the single potentially most effective steps the Commission could take to save AM radio and advance minority radio ownership.

Respectfully submitted,

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